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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

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lines 10-21, please delete existing lines 10-21, and replace with the following:

--Fig. 1 is a diagram showing an overview of a system according to the present invention;

Fig. 2A is a diagram showing example data stored in retail store information storage unit;

Fig. 2B is a diagram showing example data stored in message storage unit;

Fig. 2C is a diagram showing example data stored in member information DB;

Fig. 2D is a diagram showing example data stored in purchase information DB;

Fig. 3A is a diagram showing example data stored in personal information DB;  
Fig. 3B is a diagram showing example data stored in registered retail store DB;  
Fig. 4 is a flowchart showing the member registration processing;  
Fig. 5 is a diagram showing an example virtual town (before member registration);  
Fig. 6 is a diagram showing an example virtual town (after member registration);  
Fig. 7 is a flowchart showing the transaction processing; and  
Fig. 8 is a flowchart showing the point value reference processing.--

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct typographical errors in the specification as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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